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Governor JB Pritzker
Office of the Governor
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Governor Pritzker:

As you know, President Donald Trump recently signed into law H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which passed unanimously on a bipartisan basis. This bill built upon H.R. 6201, The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and H.R. 6074, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, both of which had broad bipartisan support, offering various forms of financial support to families, local businesses and state and local governments.

Under the CARES Act, Congress authorized and appropriated \$150 billion for the Coronavirus Relief Fund which is designed specifically for states and local governments, along with tribal governments. States are poised to receive no less than \$1.25 billion, with more depending on the proportion of a state's population compared to the United States' total population. While local governments with populations of 500,000 or more people will be able to apply for a direct allocation from the federal government, the remaining portion of the state's share will be allocated across the state by the state government.

When allocating this federal funding for Illinois, I ask that you consider the enormous financial burden COVID-19 has placed on small towns and rural areas in the district I represent. Unlike Chicago, special attention is needed for the local governments I represent that are not large enough to apply for a direct allocation from the federal government. I appreciate your consideration of my concerns and look forward to working with you to assist our local and rural communities.

Sincerely,



RODNEY DAVIS
Member of Congress